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S. RES. 223

To commemorate the sesquicentennial of Texas statehood.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 1, 1996

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. GRAMM) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

To commemorate the sesquicentennial of Texas statehood.

Whereas 1995 marks 150 years since the United States of
America admitted Texas as the 28th State in the Union;

Whereas the sesquicentennial of Texas statehood is a truly
momentous occasion that allows all Texans to reflect on
their State's proud heritage and bright future;

Whereas acting on the advice of President John Tyler, the
United States Congress adopted a joint resolution on
February 28, 1845, inviting the Republic of Texas to
enter the Union as a State with full retention of its pub-
lic lands; today, a century and a half later, Texas enjoys
the distinction of being the only State admitted with such
extensive rights;

Whereas the citizens of the Republic of Texas were deeply
committed to the goals and ideals embodied in the United

States Constitution, and, on June 16, 1845, the Congress of the Republic of Texas was convened by President Anson Jones to consider the proposal of statehood;

Whereas Texas took advantage of the offer, choosing to unite with a large and prosperous Nation that could more effectively defend the borders of Texas and expand its flourishing trade with European countries; by October 1845, the Congress of the Republic of Texas had approved a State constitution, charting a bold new destiny for the Lone Star State;

Whereas the proposed State constitution was sent to Washington, D.C., and on December 29, 1845, the United States of America formally welcomed Texas as a new State; the transfer of governmental authority, however, was not complete until February 19, 1846, when Anson Jones lowered the flag that had flown above the Capitol for nearly 10 years and stepped down from his position as president of the Republic of Texas; and

Whereas with the poignant retirement of the flag of the Republic, Texas emerged as a blazing Lone Star in America's firmament, taking its place as the 28th State admitted into the Union: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commemorate the sesquicentennial of Texas
3 statehood; and

4 (2) encourage all Texans to observe such day
5 with appropriate ceremonies and activities on this
6 historic occasion.

7 The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this
8 resolution to the Texas Congressional Delegation, to the

- 1 Governor of Texas, to the National Archives, and to the
- 2 Texas Archives.

